

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community
Committee meeting held on Thursday 29th June 2023 at 11am in the Beechfield
Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Bell, J Bridgeman, J Cann, D Dixon, R Jones and S Kingdom

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer
Mrs J Wood, Administration and Projects Manager

1 Member of the public

2306/39 **Apologies**
None.

2306/40 **Declarations of Interests**
None.

2306/41 **Public Participation**
A member of the public raised concerns about flooding on Footpath 86 that leads to the Tarka Trail in Bickington.

2306/42 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th May 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2306/43 **Bus Shelter - Sticklepath**
The quotation to replace the damaged bus shelter in Sticklepath was circulated prior to the meeting and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the quotation from Euroshell and replace the bus shelter as soon as possible.

2306/44 **Climate Emergency – Update on Action Plan**
The Administration and Projects Manager explained that she had been asked to progress some items identified within the Action Plan and reported as follows:

Electric Vehicle Charging Points – at the moment there is not any funding available to the Parish Council to install, however, a proposal had been received and circulated to members for a fully funded charging point and the Parish Council would receive 5% of the income. Members were concerned about the installation of a point in the Beechfield Centre car park due to the size of the car park, the amount of space it would require and the likely usage, whilst members were keen to pursue in response to the Climate Emergency it was felt that other locations should be explored and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer consideration until the next meeting and for all suitable locations owned/managed by the Parish Council to be investigated.



Bike Racks – the Parish Council has been placed on Devon County Council's list if any free racks become available in the future, prices have been sought to buy racks and a 5-slot rack would be around £85 + installation. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer to investigate locations for installation.

Hydrological survey – the Administration and Projects Manager had contacted universities reference the survey and it was not something they could help with.

Cllr Bridgeman left the meeting at 11.30am.

Concerns over water quality and the hydrological survey were discussed and it was felt that a hydrological survey would be cost prohibitive to the Parish Council with little benefit and should be the responsibility of the District Council.

Community Renewable Energy Group – it was suggested that the Committee invite another group to talk to them and agreed to seek a presentation from another group for a Full Council meeting.

Heat Pumps Policy – it was agreed for Cllrs Dixon and Walker to work with the Administration and Projects Manager to draft a policy.

Van Lease – it was noted that it was an aspiration of the Parish Council to lease an electric vehicle, the current lease ends in December 2023 and options are being investigated for consideration.

Meeting ended at 11.47am.

Signed  Dated 27/7/23